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25 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Fitness Report (3 July 1969-25 May 1970)
Mario K. GIORDANO (P)

1. The following is submitted for inclusion in the file of Mario K. GIORDANO (P), Contract Employee, GS-12/4, in lieu of a formal fitness report on the occasion of his transfer.

2. GIORDANO has been a member of this Unit since its establishment in July 1964. Throughout this entire period, his performance consistently has been superior and he maintained the same high level of productivity during the period of this report.

3. GIORDANO's contributions to the Unit have been manifold. He is an accomplished transcriber who constantly strives to extract the maximum amount of useful information from his source material. He successfully completed 3 demanding TDYs overseas and willingly worked long hours to do so. In addition, he has maintained the Unit's operational aids, utilized by all transcribers, in a most meticulous manner. He also has continued, on his own initiative, to compile files on a specific area of interest. In recent months he assisted in the production of a valuable two-language glossary of intelligence terms.

4. GIORDANO makes use of his language abilities and his rare background knowledge in his daily work. He approaches all of his assignments in a serious and mature manner and carries them out efficiently in exacting detail. GIORDANO does not require supervision and is completely dependable to complete each task to the very best of his ability.

5. The transfer of GIORDANO to another element of this organization was arranged only because he passed the age limit for this Unit. He is, however, in excellent physical condition and fit for TDY standby. Unfortunately, despite his 19 years of service with this organization, he has not accrued enough Civil Service benefits to permit him to retire at this time. He did not allow the uncertainties, and often conflicting information, concerning his future in recent

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months to affect his productivity or excellent work habits. As expected, he has remained a dedicated and interested employee to the last day. This remains another example of his selflessness, devotion and professionalism. GIORDANO has well earned the respect and admiration of all of his colleagues and supervisors. He leaves a most desirable example in the Unit for others to follow.

Chief, Production Unit

Mario K. Giordano
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RESUME

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Personal data:

Date and place of birth: 13 Sep 1904 in Kuressaare, Estonia.

Marital status: Married.

Dependents: None.

Citizenship: U.S.

Health: Good.

Education:

Elementary and secondary: 1911-1923 in Kuressaare, Estonia.

Graduated from "Gymnasium", an equivalent of American High School and
Unior College.

Higher: University of Tartu, Estonia. Part time studies in economics, 1943-44.
Not completed.

Military: 1923-1926: Military Academy, Technical Branch, in Tallinn, Estonia.
Majoring in electrical engineering, communications.
Graduated in February, 1926.

1929-1932: Advanced College of War, in Tallinn, Estonia.
Majoring in General Staff work. Graduated with degree: "K.S.diploma" officer.

Courses for Intelligence Officers, in Tallinn, Estonian in 1932.

Foreign languages:

Estonian, Russian and German - fluent.

French was fluent but is partly forgotten now.

Finnish and Polish - fair.

Honors:

From Military Academy, Technical Branch - best graduate, class 1926.
A golden watch with appropriate engravings was donated.

Decorations: One Estonian and eight from different foreign governments received
between 1935 and 1940. Two German decorations received during WW II.

Work experience:With U.S. Army.

From Sep 1951 up to date. In the beginning in West Germany and since February 1953 in Washington, D.C., with some TDY tours abroad.

Translation and evaluation of different documents and writings from/in Estonian, Finnish, French, German and mainly Russian languages.

With I.R.O. (International Refugee Organization)

From Nov 1949 up to Sep 1951 in Wentorf, Germany. Clerk bilingual with U.S. Resettlement and Immigration Center.

With U.N.R.R.A (United Nations Refugee Relief Agency)

From 1946 up to Sep 1949 consecutively in three Displaced Persons Camps at Draghan, Stotzenau and Lingen, all in the British Zone, Germany.

First as clerk-interpreter, later manager of Camp Office and simultaneously member or chairman of Camp Committee.

With "I.G. FARBEN Industrie", Berlin, Germany.

From Aug 1940 up to June 1941. Industrial research concerning Soviet Union.

With TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, Tallinn, Estonia.

From 1938 up to 1939. Lecturer in para-military education: communications techniques and tactics (a job held simultaneously with the military service).

Military service:Estonian Army: Aug 1923 - July 1940.

1923 - 1926: attending Military Academy, in Tallinn.
 1926 - 1929: in field of communications. The last position held: Chief of Communications, First Inf. Division.
 1929 - 1932: attending Advanced College of War, in Tallinn.
 1932 - 1933: in Department of Defense, J 1 (here J 3 - Operations), Tallinn.
 1933 - 1934: Deputy Chief of Operations, First Inf. Division, in Rakvere.
 1934 - 1940: in Department of Defense, J 2 (Intelligence and Information).
 The last position held: Chief Section "A" (Intelligence West and Information), since 1939 simultaneously Deputy Chief, J 2.
 Simultaneously to these positions: Lecturer in the Technical University and at the Courses for Communications Officers, both in Tallinn.

July 1940: Removed from J 2 on orders of the Soviet occupants because unwilling to co-operate with them as a secret agent.
 Fled to Germany.

German Army: Aug 1940 - May 1945.

1940 - 1941: Simultaneous work with the Military Intelligence and the "I.G. FARBE INDUSTRIE" in Berlin. Preparations for war with the Soviet Union and for liberation of Estonia.
 1941 - 1944: With the Military Intelligence and in close co-operation with the Finnish Military Intelligence in Helsinki, Finland, later in Tallinn, Estonia. Position: A Finnish officer detached to the German Mil. Intelligence.
 Aug-Sep '44: Estonian liaison officer to German High Command in Estonia, up to German retreat from Estonia.
 Oct '44-May '45: With the Military Intelligence in Germany. Preparatory work for future reliberation of Estonia.
 May '45-Aug '46: POW of the British in Germany.

Other activities and experiences:

Research work in military and political history concerning the participation of Estonians in WW II against the communists, and the communist atrocities in Estonia.
 The research started as a hobby in 1946. It continues.

Managerial work during many years and at present as Deputy National Commander of the Legion of Estonian Liberation in USA and President of the Central Association of Estonian Officers in USA.

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Alfred Vainja